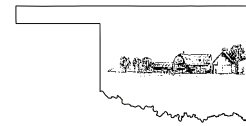


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Cold Front Drops Temperatures But Brings in Rain

April 12 - Normal temperatures in the 70's were replaced by high temperatures in the 50's by the end of the week. A cool front passed through dropping temperatures but it also brought statewide rains ranging from 3/4 inch precipitation in the Southwest to nearly 2 inches in the Southeast. These rains improved both subsoil and topsoil conditions. Topsoil moisture was at 2 percent surplus, 75 percent adequate, 21 percent short and 2 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was at 2 percent surplus, 63 percent adequate, 28 percent short and 7 percent very short. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	21	75	2
Last Week	4	29	65	2
Last Year	14	42	44	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	28	63	2
Last Week	6	32	61	1
Last Year	11	27	62	0

Small Grains: Timely rains last week were beneficial to the wheat crop and conditions continued to be good for most wheat. Winter wheat was 11 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 26 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 3 percent very poor. Warm weather was promoting wheat growth and wheat began to head last week with 6 percent of the crop headed. Wheat progressed from 82 percent jointing last week to 93 percent jointing this week. Oat condition was at 3 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 41 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor with 50 percent jointing. Rye conditions also improved last week. Rye condition was 10 percent excellent, 72 percent good, 14 percent fair, 3 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Ninety five percent of the rye crop was jointed, up five points from last week.

Row Crops: Seedbed preparations continued to pick up momentum for row crops. Corn and soybeans both made an 11 point jump and were at 76 and 46 percent, respectively. Twenty-eight percent of the corn was planted. Sorghum planting was just getting underway with 2 percent of the acres planted. Seedbed preparation for sorghum was slightly behind both last year and the 5-year average. Cotton seedbed prepared, at 68 percent, was down 4 points from last year but 1 point above the 5-year average. Peanut seedbed preparations continued to lag behind normal trends.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 11, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	3	9	26	51	11
Last Week	3	9	30	48	10
Last Year	2	7	23	50	18
Rye					
This Week	1	3	14	72	10
Oats					
This Week	2	9	41	45	3

Pasture: Statewide rains last week helped to improve pasture and range conditions. Conditions were at 4 percent excellent, 36 percent good, 43 percent fair, 14 percent poor and 3 percent very poor.

Livestock: Livestock conditions improved slightly from the previous week. This week's livestock conditions came in at 13 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 24 percent fair, 4 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$100.06 per cwt., up from last week. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was also up from last week, averaging \$91.90 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 11, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	24	58	13
Pasture & Range	3	14	43	36	4



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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending April 11, 2004									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Sorghum				
Jointing	93	82	87	75	Seedbed Prepared	30	23	39	33
Headed	6	n/a	4	6	Planted	2	1	2	1
Oats -					Soybeans				
Jointing	50	33	44	44	Seedbed Prepared	46	35	37	41
Rye -					Peanuts				
Jointing	95	90	n/a	n/a	Seedbed Prepared	40	32	45	50
Corn -					Cotton				
Seedbed Prepared	76	65	69	71	Seedbed Prepared	68	59	72	67
Planted	28	22	22	22					

Weather for Week Ending April 11, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 27 degrees at Beaver on Sunday, April 11th, to 81 degrees at Antlers and Burneyville on Friday, April 9th. Precipitation averaged 0.74 in. Southwest district to 1.94 in. Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 45 degrees at Boise City on Sunday, April 11th, to 68 degrees at Idabel on Friday, April 9th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending April 11, 2004							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to April 11, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	59	41	49	0.91	3.03	+0.72	131
West Central	63	45	53	1.37	5.89	+2.54	176
Southwest	65	48	56	0.74	4.43	+1.19	137
North Central	62	43	52	0.92	5.38	+1.61	143
Central	65	46	55	0.75	5.02	+0.49	111
South Central	68	48	58	0.81	2.62	- 2.30	53
Northeast	64	44	54	0.92	6.87	+1.74	134
East Central	66	45	58	1.14	4.71	- 0.96	83
Southeast	69	46	58	1.94	4.26	- 1.87	69